

Application No.: 09/890,273
Art Unit: 2115

Response
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REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 6-14 are pending in the application. Claim 9 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 8, 2008.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 3, 4 and 6-8 are allowable.

Claim Objection:

Claim 9 stand objected to in item 3 of the Action due to a minor informality. This informality has been corrected.

As To The Merits:

The Examiner relies on the previously submitted reference of Yoshida (JP 10-027411 A) in setting forth the following rejection:

claims 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 125(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 9 calls for *a monitoring circuit for monitoring the reproduction output state of said reproducer, and a controller receiving a signal representing the operating state of said switch and a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling the supply of driving*

power to said reproducer and said output circuit on the basis of the two signals. Independent claim 10 includes similar features.

With regard to the Yoshida reference, the Examiner essentially relies on the disclosure set forth in paragraphs [0018] – [0021] of the reference for teaching these features of claim 9. More specifically, the Examiner takes the position that the event detection part 1, shown in Figure 1 of Yoshida, constitutes a monitoring circuit which monitors the reproduction output state of the record reproduction block 4, as also shown in Figure 1.

However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has failed to rely on any specific element shown in any of the Figs. in Yoshida or discussed in paragraphs [0018] – [0021] for teaching a controller for receiving a signal representing the operating state of said switch and a signal outputted by the monitoring circuit for controlling the supply of driving power to said reproducer and said output circuit on the basis of the two signals.

That is, it appears that the Examiner is taking the position that the energizing switch 3 constitutes the controller set forth in claim 9. However, it is respectfully submitted that while the energizing switch 3 receives a signal output by the event detection part 1, the switch 3 fails to receive a signal representing the operating state of said switch.

Moreover, Yoshida clearly discloses in paragraph [0019] that “the energizing switch 3 always supplies electric power to the record reproduction block 4 irrespective of whether set CD is CD-DA or it is CD-ROM.”

In other words, it is respectfully submitted that electric power is always supplied via the energizing switch 3 from the power supply section 2 to the record reproduction block 4 irrespective of whether the CD is CD-DA or it is CD-ROM. As such, the power is supplied to the record reproduction block 4 by the power supply section 2 via the energizing switch 3 irrespective of the signal output by the event detection part 1.

That is, while the event detection part 1 receives the electric signal outputted from the record reproduction block 4, and based on this signal detects whether the CD in the record reproduction block 4 is CD-DA or it is CD-ROM, it is respectfully submitted that the energizing switch 3 fails to control the supply of driving power to the record reproduction block 4 based on the signal outputted by the event detection part 1 (monitoring circuit), since, as noted above, Yoshida clearly discloses in paragraph [0019] that “the energizing switch 3 always supplies electric power to the record reproduction block 4 irrespective of whether set CD is CD-DA or it is CD-ROM.”

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Yoshida fails to disclose the features of claim 9 regarding *a controller receiving a signal representing the operating state of said switch*

and a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling the supply of driving power to said reproducer and said output circuit on the basis of the two signals.

In addition, with regard to independent claim 10, Applicants submit that the comments outlined above with regard to 9 are also applicable to independent claim 10.

Independent claim 11 calls for *a monitoring circuit for monitoring the reproduction output state of said reproducer, and a controller receiving a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling supply of driving power to said reproducer on the basis of this signal.*

Independent claim 12 calls for similar features.

As discussed above, the energizer switch 3 fails to control the supply driving power to the record reproducing block 4 based on an output signal by the event detection part 1 and instead Yoshida clearly discloses in paragraph 19 that “the energizing switch 3 always supplies electric power to the record reproducing block 4 irrespective of whether said CD is CD-DA or CD-ROM.”

As such, it is submitted that Yoshida fails to disclose the features of claims 11 regarding *a controller receiving a signal outputted by said monitoring circuit for controlling supply of driving power to said reproducer on the basis of this signal.*

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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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